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CONGRATULATIONS "LITTLE VIS" 5TH GRADERS!

On June 12, 1992, 68 fifth graders from Visitacion Valley Elementary School were promoted to middle school. The keynote speaker at the promotion ceremony, Dr. William Marquis, president of the S. F. Community College Board of Trustees shared with them and some 200 family members his experience in the S. F. public schools. A native of the Bayview Hunters Point, he attended Fremont Elementary, Pelton Middle and Wilson High School. He was not always a good student, but thanks to a nurturing family (his father was a MUNI bus driver) and hard work, he's completed 2 Masters Degrees at S.F. State University and a Ph. D. from U. C. Berkeley. A good role model, Bill Marquis encouraged the young people to study hard.

These to-be 6th graders have performed very well this school year. They have won many awards and ranked among the highest in the S. F. School District in physical fitness. Many of them performed in the "EVENT 1992" at Stern Grove in May, in front of a city-wide audience (sponsored by Nationwide Papers). And

they are all computer literate! There is no doubt that these fine graduates will suc-

cessfully meet the new challenge of middle school.



5th grade award winners with their teachers Ms. Kuezborski, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Romero, Mrs. Yamakoshi, principal Mr. Chao and guest Bill Marquis.



Dr. William Marquis addressing the students and an audience of proud parents and relatives. "The key to success is education and hard work!"

Main library to reduce branch hours

Due to recent staffing reductions and projected budget reductions, the San Francisco Public Library will reduce service hours, effective June 8. The Main library, now open seven days a week, will be closed on Sundays. The Resource Branches, Chinatown, Excelsior, Mission, Richmond, and West Portal, currently open Monday through Saturday, will be closed on Mondays. Sunset Branch is currently closed for renovations.

The library lost 35 long term employees on April 1 due to early retirements, effected by Proposition A, severely hampering the library's ability to maintain present public service hours. Currently, the library is short 52 employees. The 1992-93 Budget, now under review by the Board of Supervisors, recommends a \$1 million cut in the library's budget.

The Sunday and Monday hours reductions would be in effect throughout the summer. During that time, the library will assess public service needs and hours by surveying the community for hours, service and use pattern needs and preferences. In addition, the library will assess staff resources and staffing patterns and make adjustments to maximize public service, assess its five year Strategic

Plan and steps necessary for its implementation, and complete the implementation of the new automated circulation and catalog system.

A new schedule of public services will be adopted by the library Commission in the Fall, 1992, reflecting the needs and preferences of the community. The library will be unable to offer additional hours at the anticipated level of funding.

Other service reductions resulting from the anticipated \$1 million budget reduction include eliminating service to jails, reorganization of Main Library staffing, and reductions in catalog services.

REGISTRATION FOR ADULT CLASSES AT THE RANDALL MUSEUM

From picture framing to lapidary, handmade paper to photography, you'll learn many ways to express your creativity at the Randall Museum.

Register now for Summer. Call 554-9600 for information and class schedules. The Randall Museum, part of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, is at 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights.

Muni at a buck

by Frank Watari

Not too long ago, a friend of mine who works downtown was talking about the new contraptions installed on some of the Muni busses that could take a dollar bill, a wonderful convenience for those change fumbling passengers who never seemed to come up with enough loose coins to equal the 85 cent fare. It had been just a few years since the first annual City budget deficit crisis of 1988 necessitated the fare being kicked-up a dime from the previous high of 75 cents. So it was with almost certainty that my friend proclaimed "Won't be long now before the fare is a buck."

Or maybe even more, as was hinted around by the Jordan administration during the earlier part of this year. First there was talk about the \$90 million budget deficit, but that was soon replaced by the new and improved talk about the \$150 million budget deficit. And then, for good measure, an extra \$25 million was kicked in to bring the grand total to \$175 million in the red. Remember those news reports back in the mid-eighties about the budget surplus? All those wonderful smack-aros just lying around waiting for a rainy day. Well, not too many rainy days came after that, but the bucks soon disappeared into the ozone and then incoming Mayor Art Agnos was standing in front of one of those screwy graphs that probably tried to make a sincere attempt to justify something, but left us even more confused, so he came right out and said that outgoing Mayor Dianne Feinstein was to blame.

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Kopp's open meeting bill approved by senate

Senate Bill 1538, authored by State senator Quentin L. Kopp (I-San Francisco/San Mateo), was approved

by the Assembly and signed into law by Governor Wilson, would strengthen many of the weaknesses of the Ralph M. Brown Act -- the state's open meeting law for local boards and commissions.

SB 1538 represents a major overhaul of the Brown Act, which for almost 40 years has mandated open meetings of city councils, county supervisors, school boards and other local governing bodies.

"The time for a thorough overhaul is long overdue," Kopp said. "The premise of this legislation is simple: the formulation of public policy should be conducted in public. This issue is of fundamental importance to our democratic process."

"Yet in recent years, local governments have discovered new ways to circumvent the intent of the Brown Act," added Kopp. "Secret local government negotiating sessions and 'retreats' have become as commonplace as overcast skies in various cities and counties. Such closed meetings and 'retreats' act as a fog, obscuring the public's right to know what its government is doing."

SB 1538 was approved by the Senate after Kopp assured the members of the Senate that the bill poses no threat to local officials, whom Kopp described as "well-intentioned people of integrity." This assurance followed an unremitting effort by the members of the Senate SB 1538.

"The sponsors of SB 1538, (the First Amendment Coalition and the California Newspaper Publishers Association) have been receiving complaints about public access violations for many years, including literally thousands about local government meetings every year, and virtually none about state bodies or the Legislature," said Kopp in response to the California League of Cities claim that the Brown Act is more stringent than either the Bagley-Keene Act which requires meetings of state agencies or the committees and sub-committees.

One of the provisions of SB 1538 would extend statute of limitations on challenging a Brown Act violation. "SB 1538 would extend from 30 to 90 days the statute of limitations to invalidate Brown Act violations; secret action by definition can often stay hidden longer than a month," stated Kopp.

Among other things, SB 1538 mandates the tape recording of closed sessions to provide a record for courts to review in case of a challenge under the Brown Act.

Introduction to chinese brush painting

Explore traditional Chinese Painting with the whole family. Lempo Leong will introduce techniques and concepts Saturday, July 11, 1 p.m. All ages are welcome, under 8 with an adult. Fee is \$4 per person. At the Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. Call 554-9600 for information.

SFUSD ADVISES: REGISTER NEW STUDENTS EARLY!

Parents with students new to the San Francisco Unified School District and parents with children ready for enrollment into kindergarten this fall are encouraged to register the students as soon as possible. During the summer, registrations are handled at the Educational Placement Office, Room #1, 135 Van Ness Avenue (241-6085). After August 24, 1992, registrations may be done at the neighborhood schools, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To register, please bring the following documents:

- ☐ Birth certificate
- ☐ Proof of address (P.G.&E. or telephone bill, drivers license)
- ☐ Updated immunization records
- ☐ SFUSD will notify the students of their school placements by mail before the beginning of the school year, scheduled for September 9, 1992.

GENEVA TOWERS ... WHAT'S UP ?

The Grapevine received a call that expressed concern about negative newspaper stories about Geneva Towers. Since we had't printed anything about the Towers in a long time, we made inquiries. It turned out that the stories were run in two other papers, not the Grapevine, but our interest was piqued.

The newspaper stories make some serious charges that allege that visitors to the Towers and residents alike are mistreated by the security guards; that unfair evictions are occurring; and it is implied that the recreation and other service programs are substandard.

The Grapevine did a random survey of the residents of the Towers and a few of the closer neighbors. During the next week, we received copies of the articles in question, the Geneva Towers newsletter, and a letter from a Geneva Towers resident (reproduced below).

The letter we received praises the improvements in the safety of the residents, the improved cleanliness, and ex-

presses confidence in the recreation program. The phone calls all expressed confidence in the Towers management, and disputed the newspaper articles. One person (who does not live in the Towers) said she had heard some negative comments on the Towers, but declined to report what she had heard. Most stated that they felt the cause of the articles was a personal clash between one tenant and the new management, hired by HUD when they took over the Towers management from the previous management company. The previous management had allowed the Towers to deteriorate to the point where it had to be replaced. People interviewed by the Grapevine said that though there were still some problems, they felt that the new management was doing the best they could and the complaints were not warranted.

It is true that all 5 articles that we saw were either written by or written about the same person. This person has recruited a small group of supporters. We heard that he/she had organized a demonstration about the complaints, and that residents had observed a small group marching around the building.

The Geneva Towers newsletter chronicles many improvements to the buildings already finished and lists improvements still to be made. It also highlights the achievements of children residing in the Towers, and reports news of the newly formed Residents Council. There is an older group: the Tenants Association, which still exists. Some of their officers are also on the Residents Council, but it is unclear what formal relationship the two bodies will have with each other.

One question that came up was over whether visitors and residents should be

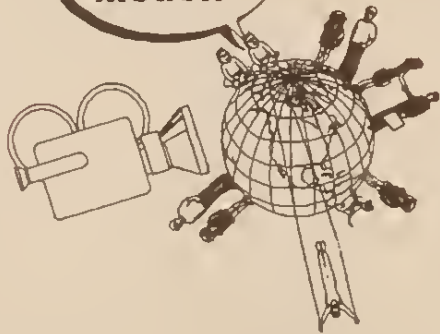


made to sign in at the desk when entering the building. Some thought it was a good idea for security. Others questioned this practise as an invasion of privacy. One person said they had never heard of having to sign in and out of an apartment building. It is true that some senior citizens' buildings and office buildings, and perhaps the fancier apartment hotels follow this practise; but it is not what folks around here are used to. On the other hand, several people said that since they started signing visitors in, they have stopped selling drugs in front of the building. One person said, however, that most of the property improvements have been exterior, and that the inside of the apartments are still very bad with roaches. Still, this person was not willing to

criticize the management for any serious reasons. Management has said in their newsletter that repairs to date have been mostly health and safety code repairs, and that the major renovation, including interiors is slated for the near future.

Although the end of this story is still to be seen, it is entirely possible that one unhappy person could do a great deal to slow any hoped for progress. We certainly hope this is not the case. At any rate, the Grapevine invites comments from all concerned. We will print all that do not use cuss words or encourage violence, no matter what side they are from. We're interested in shining the light on neighborhood issues so that people can decide for themselves.

Constant Motion



by Shirletha Holmes-Boxx

As the world constantly moves the children, youth and family are making news. Therefore, it is our goal to bring to you events and activities that focus on the children, youth and family in your community.

These events and activities will also be aired on Channel 25 at 3:30pm on "Constant Motion" every Wednesday: El Dorado School held a workshop to demonstrate "Learning Made Fun" using "Wilton Banks' "Fun Way To Learn Through Singing, Rapping Rhythm and Rhyme as seen on the Bill Cosby Show and Ella Jenkins Music. Ms. Thessalonika Banks Jackson and several children that attend El Dorado demonstrated how learning is made fun through music and rhyme. This was a real treat - due to many request from viewers we will air this production again in July.

Sunnydale's Baby of the Month JO WAN SMITH, was featured as he celebrated his 2nd birthday at the "Discovery Zone". The party was attended by approximately 20 of Jo Wan's peers. This was real special because at a time when people are strategizing around the breakdown of the so called Black Family Unit, this event exemplified

unity with Joseph and Wallina Smith's nuclear family as well as members of their extended family gathering to celebrate their son's birthday.....

The Black Men of Action organized a luncheon to express their gratitude and support for the brothers that were instrumental in bringing about the peace truce between Hunter's Point and Fillmore. This truce was orchestrated in TC's studio, while several rappers were producing their music. Several community leaders such as Reverend Donald Green, SF Christian Center Church, Thomas Mayfield, SF Gang Prevention, Lefty Gordon, Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, George Mix, Urban League and VVCC outstanding outreach workers Kim Mitchell and Bill Shannon, just to name a few embraced the young men representing their respective community in this peace effort. Future meetings are being planned to maintain the truce.

"Constant Motion" would like to Congratulate the "Class of 1992"! St. Emydius, Hillcrest, Denman, Lincoln, Wilson, Balboa, Independent Study Hall and all others. We will be producing a show featuring the class of 1992 all grade levels. If you are interested in being on television, telephone Shirletha at (415) 467-6400, be sure to leave a message.

VVCC's Summer lunch Program will also include "Constant Motion" producing rappers, singers and dancers, all talent is welcomed.

So if you have talent and want to be on television, come and have lunch with "Constant Motion" in the ballroom at VVCC. We will be there twice a week. Days will vary.

"GET WELL BIG MAY!" A special tribute to Thomas Mayfield, Program Director of the

Gang Prevention Program will be aired this month while he recuperates from surgery.....

July 9th "Constant Motion" will join the VVCC Gang Prevention Program in taking 20 youth to the Giants Vs. Montreal Game. If you are interested in going call 467-6400 ask for Shirletha.

DO NOT FORGET every Wednesday at 3:30pm "CONSTANT MOTION" and "TRIP CITY USA" at 8:00pm. Signing off with words from D.G.:
For Marvin Gaye
I did pray,
For Bob Marley
I did cry,
For the sake of the Juneteenth Celebration
I can not let any more music die.
The Juneteenth Festival Celebration will be aired on "Trip City USA."

Five Years Ago in the Grapevine

JULY 1987

*Mayor Dianne Feinstein made a return visit to the Sunnydale apartments to assess developments since her May 12th meeting with tenants and Visitation Valley residents.

*Three new sets of stop signs at the corners of Leland Ave. and Desmond St., Leland Ave. and Alpha St., and Raymond Ave. and Alpha St. were approved by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in an effort to control speeding traffic and protect pedestrians in the Valley's shopping district.

*SAFE, a positive program designed to relieve some of the crime and drug dealing at Geneva Towers, began organizing neighborhood watch groups and providing training for selected leaders who live in the towers.

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Hon. Frank Jordan, Mayor of San Francisco.

A THANK YOU FROM LITTLE VIS

*Adopt-A-School Project
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Dear Mr. McClain and Ms. Kujawa:

On behalf of the staff, parents and students of Visitacion Valley Elementary School, I'd like to thank all the volunteers from Nationwide Papers for their time and dedication to the education and welfare of the children of this neighborhood. Your tutoring and mentoring in the classrooms have made a difference academically and affectively; the company's co-sponsorship of the picnic/S.F. Giants' game in May was a highly appreciated reward for forty some of our most deserving 4th and 5th graders.

This is also to acknowledge our receipt of your generous financial contribution towards our performing arts and after school programs for next school year. As you know, 34 of our students have successfully performed at

the "EVENT 1992" at Stern Grove in May, for a large city-wide audience, including the mayor and other City dignitaries. Your contribution for this past year have made this possible and helped boost many of our children's self-esteem.

So, once again we commend Nationwide Papers and all its staff volunteers for their hard work in assisting our students and thank you for your continuing generosity, especially during these financial hard times.

We look forward to another year of a rewarding joint venture.

Sincerely yours,
Vincent S. Chao
Principal

We've noticed that no one has done anything to get the vacant property on Britton Street cleaned up, still! Since it can be classified as a Health and Safety matter, you can complain by calling the Health Inspector at 2553610 and the Fire Inspectors at 8618000 ext. 310. Maybe if they get enough calls and letters, they'll force the owner to clean up.

From Where I Sit By Mayor Frank Jordan

In the five months I've been Mayor, no issue -- no challenge -- has more occupied my time than the city budget for fiscal 1992-93. I have now submitted it to the Supervisors. It is balanced, it is prudent, and it is only the beginning of far-reaching reforms and reductions to cut the cost of city government.

My taking charge of the budget in January was akin to taking command of a ship wallowing and ready to capsize. A deep and on-going recession deprived us of needed revenue, and there were heavy debts carried over from before I became Mayor. These include \$60 million in frozen wages that now must be paid; about \$14 million a year in multi-year commitments to a dental plan; other benefits in exchange for a one-year wage freeze; and promises to fund programs or roll back revenue sources. These commitments now are due on my watch.

Not only was I confronted with a current budget plunging into deficit -- some \$61 million has to be found simply to bring it into balance -- but also a growing and dangerous imbalance in the fiscal year ahead. First, it was \$90 million out of balance; then \$150 million. In the end, the shortfall that threatened to sink the budget for the coming fiscal year totaled \$175 million.

I am casting no blame, but simply asserting my commitment to restore San Francisco's fiscal solvency in full cooperation with business, labor, my colleagues in government and the citizens of San Francisco.

The proposed budget is \$9 million more than the current one in its dependence on the general fund monies raised here in San Francisco, even taking into account over \$100 million in wage increases and other cost increases. Unlike past years, there was no pot of money at the end of a rainbow to balance the budget.

Some of the cuts are deep and pain-

ful, but at the same time, I am confident that in bringing this budget into balance terrible and destructive cuts were avoided. No libraries or health clinics will be closed. No Muni lines will be abandoned. There was no reduction in AIDS services. There will be no reduction in police officers on our streets.

I said in my campaign that I would not seek to increase taxes. But in this budget, I have had to increase taxes. There is no reasonable alternative. Therefore, after reaching a consensus with the business community, I am calling for a one-time, one-year increase in the commercial utility users tax, and its extension to foreign and interstate calls. This should raise an estimated \$11 million to close the last remaining gap in the budget.

This is a budget with pain and sacrifice. But it is a responsible budget. Although vital services are maintained, new and important programs are deferred. Fares and fees have been increased. The business community has stepped forward to accept a one-year tax increase. Labor has contributed significantly to bring this budget into balance.

This cooperative effort, which puts the common good of the City ahead of private gain and special interest is like a banner unfurled. It proclaims a restoration of pride and confidence in our City -- in our ability to work together and to achieve great things together.

Don't throw your carrot peels, coffee grounds into the garbage can...compost them instead. Composting turns yard and kitchen wastes into an excellent fertilizer for gardens and house plants. The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) will sponsor two basic FREE composting workshops in July: on Saturdays, July 18 and July 25, from 10:00 am to noon. Both workshops will be at the Garden for the Environment, located at Lawton Street and 7th Avenue in the Sunset District.

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Muni at a buck

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So now its 1992, and Mayor Art is long gone, and a lot of us recently got over the shocker that the bus fare would go up a previously-unheard-of 40 cents to the outrageously high \$1.25. This, the mayor said, was the ultimate price of not cutting out any of the lines, and maintaining good service.

Well, by a stroke of good luck, San Franciscans will come out of this mess with a one dollar fare. And if we stop grumbling for a minute and take the time to look between the lines, I'm positive we'd still see ourselves with a pretty favorable setup when compared to other metropolitan areas. Sort of like the team that took a beating one day, but remained atop the standings because every other team in the division also lost.

Just look at the East Bay. AC Transit went up to \$1.10 and they had all those bus lines terminated. Look at all the transit systems on the other side of the country whose fares long ago surpassed the dollar mark, as their passengers cough-up their hard earned dough to pack into those teeny-tiny spaces like a bunch of sardines. A lot of those

people come here on vacation, get on our busses, trolleys, and streetcars and probably think, "Wow, these people have it made!"

So the deal is \$1.00 for adult cash fare, and \$3.00 for the cable cars. Okay historians and assorted old-timers, we know that the fare was a nickel for a zillion years between Muni's inception in 1912, and the famous 1944 buyout of the Market Street Railway Company which boosted things to seven cents. But let's face it, this is 1992, and things haven't gotten any cheaper. Rangling, jangling stop-in-the-middle-of-the-intersection cable cars run on an antiquated system with a lot of moving parts requiring continual maintenance, but they have been a National Historical Monument for nearly 30 years. We almost lost them in the Mayor Roger Lapham post World War II modernization era, but enough of the citizenry spoke up to save the little cars from extinction. So if three bucks seems a little black market to you, well, look, but don't touch.

Fast passes are now \$32.00. Gadzooks, that's an expensive ticket! Don't lose it, lend it to your unreliable cousin Sidney, or maybe even use it as a straightedge to underline vital sentences

going to be made in the Recreation & Parks Department is in the facilities that are not fully utilized. Coffman Pool is a fine facility, but the neighbors don't use it. There are a few groups that swim there, but they come in from other neighborhoods to use the pool, and there are not enough of them to keep the pool open. The reality is that they might close down the Coffman Pool completely for a while, or they may just open it a few hours a week. The staff would be sent to other facilities that are used more fully.

Swimming is one of the most healthy exercise forms you can use. It is a real shame on all of us that we complain that there is nothing for kids to do, and no services in Visitacion Valley... then refuse to use what little we have!



Mayor Frank Jordan addressing the neighborhood and ethnic press on the 1992-93 City budget.

in your favorite literature. Realizing that the thought of 32 clams is a large chunk of dinero to the majority of John Q. Public, Muni has wisely decided to start offering the new \$16.00 half-a-month fast pass, good for 17 days. So if your going on vacation, deciding to drive, or are just fed up with everything and want to lock yourself up in the house for a couple of weeks; whatever; you might want to look into obtaining one of these.

Senior citizens, disabled persons, and youths will be charged the similar fares of 25 cents, with \$5.00 for the fast passes and a dollar for the cable cars.

Now here's the good part. Starting next January, tokens can once again be purchased in advance for ninety cents. Rather than throw darts at a picture of City Hall, rush right out next January and buy yourself a bunch of these and pretend the fare only went up a nickel.

During a concise budget meeting in his office last month, Mayor Jordan

reiterated that all Muni vehicles would be cleaned of litter and graffiti inside and out before leaving the yards. After all, he's probably sick and tired of looking at all that scribble crap too. His campaign to restore civic pride to an urban area as diverse as ours won't be won easily. But we can all help.

First, accept the fare increase. It isn't going to go away. Pay it and sit down, stand, or whatever. They're still not charging for transfers, like other places we might know. Next, don't hassle the drivers with your grievances. They don't make the rules.

Always allow yourself an extra amount of time to get to your destination. Busses will be late in traffic, have assorted mechanical problems, or other things, but I really don't think bus drivers go to work with a burning desire to run their busses late or hear a bunch of malcontents complain.

Remember, it's still better than walking.

ReCreation

The recreation news is not good! As this is being written, there is a meeting going on of the Recreation & Parks Commission to talk about cutting the schedules of recreation facilities, including Coffman Pool on Visitacion & Hahn. Both Coffman Pool and M.L. King Pool (on Third Street) are on the endangered list. The staff at Herz Playground has not heard as yet, whether their facility will be cut.

Budget problems are hitting all over San Francisco, and the way that cuts are



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JOHN BURTON RECEIVES ANIMAL WELFARE AWARD

PAW-PAC, the Californai Political Action Committee For Animals, has named John Burton of San Francisco, "Assemblyman of the Year".

"We look for a legislator who has a record of supporting animal protection bills and authoring animal welfare legislation", stated Beverlee McGrath who is on the Board of Directors of PAW-PAC.

"John has continued to be a friend who we can always count on. He was a strong supporter of legislation prohibiting cosmetics and household cleaning products manufacturers from testing their products on live animals," McGrath said.

Burton co-authored the Consumer Pet Protection bill which would have extended additional protections for consumers who purchase dogs and cats. "Unfortunately, this bill died, because it would have reduced the number of dogs

and cats being produced by puppy mills," McGrath stated.

"We need more friends in Government like John Burton," McGrath concluded.

WHAT'S DOING IN THE PARKS

Thursday, July 2

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. -- John Connolly exhibition of drawings, etchings and watercolors entitled, "Trees", on display at Helen Crocker Russell Library, Strybing Arboretum, free, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park.

Friday, July 3

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. -- Make-A-Circus will perform and teach circus skills workshop at Mission Dolores Park, 19th St. & Dolores St., free, all ages welcome, bring bagged lunch, for information call 776-8477.

Commission on Prevention of Hate Violence Issues Final Report

Over the past eight months this office convened five meetings of the Commission on the Prevention of Hate Violence. Earlier the Commission issued its final report.

The final report also contains 31 recommendations of actions to be undertaken by federal, state and local governments, school, community groups, law enforcement officials and others concerned with hate violence.

Among the key recommendations in the report are the following:

Both schools and local law enforcement must implement hate crimes reporting procedures so there is better documentation of the scope of the problem;

Teachers must be given the tools -- in terms of both training and curriculum -- they need to work effectively with California's highly diverse student population and raise students' awareness of issues of bias and tolerance;

Targeted counseling and, where appropriate, alternative sentencing programs must be developed for youthful hate crime offenders

Because we know that just as bigotry is learned, it can be unlearned;

State and local government must give the same funding to hate violence prevention programs as they do to locking up perpetrators of hate crimes;

The entertainment industry should recognize and act on the need for more and more positive portrayals of minorities in industry products, and the need for creating rewards for products which oppose prejudice and bigotry and support tolerance and respect; and

Political and religious leaders in the state and throughout the nation are urged to raise the level of the debate in this country and the end the use of racist and homophobic tactics for innuendo or shock value.

The Commission's report is being made available to every member of the Legislature, every statewide elected official, every county government, every human relations staff person, every candidate for major public office, and every major entertainment and news media organization in the state.

Listening to your child: Very Important!

When you are occupied with the cares of the grown-up world, what your very young child might say to you can seem unimportant and even silly. But nothing could be farther from the truth. Please pay close attention to what your child says, and if you don't understand at first, ask questions so that your child can learn to communicate clearly. You will be surprised at his/her knowledge and surprised at what concerns your child.

Your child watches you and listens to you, and in play, imitates you...because you are his/her first teacher, and children learn through play...and imitation. He or she hears you talk, but maybe you are in a hurry and talk fast. What the child picks up can, at a very young age be misunderstood. This is how a lot of "baby talk" develops, which you may not recognize as something your child has picked up from adult conversations, but can actually express some very deep thought and signal some concerns that the child has that you need to address.

For your child's development, you must listen and understand what your child is saying. Watch and understand what your child is doing when he/she plays. Then you must give your child lots of clear examples to follow. Talk to your child all the time. Read stories aloud. Tell stories about yourself and your family. Ask questions. Encourage your child to talk. Have conversations about whatever your child is interested in. It is by listening and talking that we learn our language. If we use it a lot, we learn to love it. If we love it, it becomes a foundation for learning to read and write. If we learn to love to read and write, we have a head start on the rest of our lives. The ability to communicate is essential to all.



James Denman Middle School Graduates 1992.



Hillcrest Elementary Grads 1992, with Kim Mitchell of the VVCC Gang Prevention Program.



Hillcrest graduates with Bill Shannon of VVCC's Gang Prevention Program.

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By Joseph Porter

IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH

(1933)

I was settled in San Francisco, happily married and the owner of a small but successful restaurant. The Culinary Union had been after me, tooth and nail, for over a year until they were finally humbled and defeated.

Rose, my indispensable waitress, had turned out to be a battered wife, used as a punching bag by a crazed, alcoholic husband. She leaned on me for protection and we fell in love. I shipped her husband to Hawaii and married her. One by one all my problems have been solved. Depression was still rampant, but somehow our dream house was built and paid for.

Now we were clear, with money in the bank, no debts, and a bright future ahead of us. What more could a man want?

Fate, raising its ugly head, challenged us. It came in the guise of sickness, an insidious infection that had been creeping up undetected for years.

Rose was a mess when I married her. Her life was a nightmare, her marriage a disaster. She had been the typical abused wife with no chance of escape.

I want to believe I did the right thing by rescuing her, and I have never regretted it. She was not a healthy woman. At first, I blamed it on the rough treatment she received. I was hoping a happy, quiet life would eventually restore her to health, but years crept by, and progress was slow. A couple of doctors who examined her pronounced her rundown and in need of good food and rest.

That was too elementary to be true.

Her back bothered her the most, having been the part most accessible to her husband's wrath. He used to whip her and throw her against the furniture.

We tried extensive chiropractic treatments with no results. We could not put our finger on what was wrong.

Years went by without improvements. In

desperation, we went to a new doctor who had the good sense to take X-Rays of her back.

Two of her vertebrae were eroding and melting away. His diagnosis was Pott's disease, or tuberculosis of the spine. The outlook was bleak; it was incurable at the time. The only suggestion the doctor made to put her in a body cast and keep her in bed for six months. If she recovered, she would be hunchbacked for life.

You can imagine how Rose felt, seeing her world crumble to dust. The doctor was kind, patient and understanding, but could offer no alternative. "Will she be deformed?" I asked.

"She is deformed already," he said.

She stooped in pain and I hadn't noticed.

"Do you object if I try my way first?" I awkwardly asked.

"You have nothing to lose, and I'll be glad to help all I can."

We decided to sell the restaurant and begin treatment at once. I have been a health nut ever since I left home. It was part of my training before I set out to conquer the world. What if I were shipwrecked in the middle of the ocean? What if I were stranded in some endless desert? What if...

While in Saint Louis, working as a waiter, without losing a

day's work, I fasted for eleven days with nothing but water, to see how it felt. At the age of ten, if you recall, I hanged myself, also to see how it felt.

I started my wife on sunbaths with plenty of milk. Our house was, and still is, at the foot of the KYA Radio tower. It is a very steep hill with a small footpath leading to the top.

I am a late sleeper and Rose was a early riser, so I instructed her as to her exercises.

"Walk up the path every morning as far as you can go without tiring yourself. Hold your body erect and look at the tower. Never take your eyes off the tower. That's important."

To convince her to follow my instructions to the letter, I had to explain my reasoning. With her eyes on the tower above her, she was forced to keep her back straight, strengthening the muscles while the healing process was taking place, thus preventing a possible curvature of the spine.

After six months, we went back to the doctors for more X-Rays.

"It was exactly as before, which is a good sign. It means the disease is now quiescent. Keep on doing whatever you are doing."

We kept it up for another year then went back. Rose was walking straight, with no pain.

"My god, you are looking good!" Said our friend. After looking at the X-Rays he was jubilant.

"It's a Miracle! The bones are healed and look strong." He could not believe it.

The fight was won, and we could relax, but not for long...

Some time later, her upper chest began to swell. There was no pain. Same doctor. More X-Rays. This time he had real bad news.

"The left clavicle is disintegrating. It has all the signs of osteosarcoma, which is cancer of the bone. I am afraid there is nothing that can be done."

I was not ready to give up. My axiom has always been that to conquer sickness, besides treating it locally, you must improve your general health. If you cannot cure it, at least you can prolong life.

A few months later, we were back for more bad news.

"The disease has progressed. The left clavicle has completely disappeared."

"The prognosis?" I asked, away from my wife's hearing.

"Hopeless," he answered. One year at the most. Neither you nor I nor Jesus Christ can save her?"

"Because she does not want to die. She has a strong will to live, and she has

complete faith in me, and I won't let her down."

I had been powerless to prevent the complete absorption of her collar bone, but miraculously, the disease did not extend to any other part of her body. We waited and hoped and that was the last of her bone problems.

But... her liver began to swell until it reached the size of a football, again with no pain. By that time, our compassionate doctor had died, and we had no one to turn to.

In spite of being a health nut, I do not consider myself irresponsible. Whenever my wife developed new symptoms, I rushed her to a doctor. If he was unable to help her, then, and only then, would I take over.

So far, I had been successfully treating her in spite of strong opposition from all members of her family. Their only understanding was that a sick person belongs in a hospital. This time, to

appease them, I tried famous doctor, the man who could do no wrong, he who could raise the dead.

I went to him in good faith, but I learned later, through his own colleagues, that his reputation was at the bottom of the list.

He immediately put my wife in the hospital for observation. A few days later, he pronounced his sentence.

"I have to cut her open."

"Oh no, you don't. Try anything else but."

"There is no other way. I have to open her to see what's wrong."

We discussed it for a while, but he could not see it my way. He kept her for a few more days until I insisted on taking her home.

I immediately put her on a six day fast followed by a light diet. Within a month, her liver was back to normal and never bothered her again. The doctor never forgave me.

Again, we had a few months of respite until one evening, my wife came home from church, screaming.

"I am dying. My head is exploding!"

She was hysterical. The pain came in waves, every few minutes, and it must have been excruciating. I had no choice but to call our unfriendly doctor.

I explained the best I could, although I could never tell him I suspected a stroke. I did not want to upset my wife, who was listening.

"I can't possibly come," he said. "Go to the nearest drugstore and call me from there. I'll tell the druggist what to give you."

He hung up. I thought about it, and I could not buy it. I couldn't leave her now, not for a minute. Besides, how could he prescribe without first examining her?

I called him back.

"I can't leave her. She needs a doctor immediately. Please, if you can't come, send somebody else..." She is screaming again.

"Why don't you tell her to shut up and go to sleep."

He hung up.

I was dumbfounded. So, that was the famous Doctor

Mitchell, idolized by my wife's family.

I called Lilly, my wife's

sister, to come and relieve me for part of the night. She came. By that time the attacks were subsiding and surfacing every half hour. Rose finally fell asleep.

I told Lilly what Dr. Hitchell said, but she refused to believe me. She woke me up at nine o'clock.

"I called Dr. Hitchell," she said. "He is waiting for us at the hospital."

When we arrived, he examined my comatose wife and conceded she had suffered a major stroke. After she was comfortably installed in her bed, Lilly, the outspoken one, confronted the doctor with my accusation. He denied it emphatically.

"I never said such a thing."

"It is of no importance now, Doctor," I said. "I am satisfied that two people know about it."

"Who is that?"

"You and I!"

Rose was detained in the hospital for one month, and nothing was done about it. When I asked when they would start therapy, I was told it was too early yet.

I finally bluntly told Dr. Mitchell I was switching to another doctor, and I brought Rose home.

I spent some time every day exercising her arms and legs and trying to make her talk. Then I built a track around the dining room table, and as soon as she could get on her feet, I urged her to walk around the track on her own, holding onto the bar. She progressed rapidly. At the end of the month, she could walk and drive her car.

The time had come for me to find a cooperative doctor so I would not be stuck again in an emergency.

There was a well-equipped Medical Center in our neighborhood, headed by a Doctor Lastreto, who had an excellent reputation. I made an appointment for my wife, who insisted on going alone.

She was back within a couple of hours, with a request that I call Dr. Lastreto immediately. I reached him on the phone.

"Mister Porter," he said, I just made arrangements to have your wife admitted to the hospital."

"I am sorry, but she recently came out of the hospital."

"She is in no shape to walk the streets and she belongs in a hospital."

"I just told you, she was in the hospital, and they could not help her. She is staying home."

"I never heard of a husband refusing medical care for his wife. I could have you arrested for that. If you object to me as your doctor, I advise you to get somebody else, And pronto, or you'll be in deep trouble."

"I'll think about it."

"You'd better!" And he slammed the phone. So much for an understanding doctor.

I didn't know which way to turn. Dr. Lastreto was my best bet and I did not want to give up. Two weeks later, I decided to go see him. I introduced myself. "Well, well," He said, "I am glad you came to your senses. I can still get your wife in the hospital tomorrow."

"I don't want her in the hospital. I came to talk to you."

"It won't do you any good." He turned and started out the door.

"Hold on a minute." I grabbed his arm and waved my piece of paper. "I made an appointment to see you, and you owe me ten minutes of your time."

"Okay," he snapped. "But I am a busy man."

I opened my folder and pulled out a stack of X-Rays pictures and a file of typewritten diagnoses.

"This is a record of my wife's medical history and I am asking you to study it." Grudgingly, he started to peruse the evidence. He studied each X-Ray carefully, turning it over and around, looking at the dates and name.

"Sit down, Mister Porter," he finally said and he sat with me. Again he studied every piece of material, then he began to ask questions, and we talked. Half an hour later, I

reminded him he had patients waiting and that maybe I was taking too much of his time. "Let them wait. This is more interesting." Then he looked at me.

"Where do I come in?"

"I am looking for a doctor who will work with me, not against me."

"I'll work with you!"

"Do you still want her in the hospital?"

"That won't be necessary."

We parted. I had found the right man.

For a while I brought my wife to Dr. Lastreto every few months to show that she was progressing steadily. We always went together and he invariably treated us as if we were his pets. He had nothing but praise and encouragement.

Four years later she had her second stroke. I immediately called Dr. Lastreto.

"What can I do?" He said "You are in charge and you can handle it as well as I could."

"For my protection, I need a doctor's supervision. Please come."

He came, but all he could do was give me his sympathy and his okay.

Again my wife recovered, ending up with a little more residual paralysis. The third stroke followed exactly one year later.

She was quietly sitting down watching TV, and sipping a cup of Sanka, when she suddenly stood up and hollered: "I am floating, I am floating!"

I immediately took her blood pressure. As the day before, it was still 150/90, not dangerous for her.

How in hell can you prevent a stroke from happening? Dr. Lastreto could not come, but he promised to send a substitute.

Eventually a young doctor arrived. By that time, my wife had slipped into a coma. The doctor examined her and told me, "Dr. Lastreto wants you to keep her here in the house."

Again, she recovered, slower this time. Lastreto was very supportive but feared the worst.

"It's just a matter of time, now. She could go any day." He was wrong. She lived eight more years.

She lived on but she kept showing signs of deterioration. Her mind was slipping at times, while she was making a valiant effort to keep active. She

insisted on driving her car, against my protest as she could not possibly be covered by insurance in her condition. Twice she managed to get her driver's license renewed without my knowledge. She was shrewd and sneaky.

"I'd rather die than give up my car," she would say. Six more years went by while she was slowly falling apart. Her kidneys were failing, and I could not help her any more.

I explained my plight to Dr. Lastreto, with a plea to admit her to the hospital, hoping for a miracle.

"Don't do it, Joe," he said, "they'll mess her up. You are doing a marvellous job, and nobody could do better." I listened to him and life went on. Miraculously, again my wife snapped out of it and recovered. Our hopes were raised.

Then, a couple of years later, she plummeted again, faster this time. She had reverted to a five-year-old, calling me "Daddy", and at times was unmanageable. She had become incontinent and I had to get up in the middle of the night to change her sheets and wash her. She needed three nurses around the clock. I was suffering from asthma and I could not sleep. I was trying to keep up with an ever increasing demand for my paintings about which I had lost all enthusiasm. My life had become a mess.

I went back to Dr. Lastreto. "You'll have to take her in this time, or you'll have both of us on your hands." She was finally admitted and turned over to the care of a kidney specialist. A third-class plumber was a better title for him.

Dr. Lastreto was right. She was submitted to test after test, biopsy after biopsy. She suffered pain and humiliation. One night she was strapped to her bed so she would not bother the nurses.

I went to see her daily and I watched her getting weaker and weaker, frightened and unhappy. In her lucid moments, she was begging me to take her home. One month went by and she had become completely bedridden and unable to feed herself. I blamed myself for it and decided to bring her home. I went to the Medical Center to speak to the so-called kidney specialist. He knew who I was and he kept me waiting a long time. Finally, I heard the immortal words: "Doctor will see you now!"

Doctor-will-see-you-now did not give me a chance to open my mouth.

"Before you say anything, Mister Porter, I want to make one thing clear. Once I take on a case, nobody, but nobody tells me what to do. Is that understood?"

"Perfectly, Doctor, I just want to take my wife home."

"That's for me to decide. She is in no condition to be moved. You waited until she was dying before you brought her to the hospital, then you expect us to work miracles."

The conceited jackass. Without knowing any of the circumstances, he was passing judgement upon me. I did not deserve that.

I turned to Dr. Lastreto's nurse.

"May I have a word with the

Doctor, please?"

"Walk right in and catch him when he comes out of his cubicles."

Dr. Lastreto took me into his office.

"I want to take my wife home," I told him.

"I know," he said. "Come to the hospital tomorrow at eleven and I'll release her."

Next day, I put a mattress in the back of my station wagon and brought Rose home. She was barely conscious. I carried her upstairs and put her on the scale.

When I took her to the hospital, she weighed one hundred and ten pounds, on a height barely five feet. Now she was down to eighty-nine pounds, a loss of twenty-one pounds in one month.

The night before I took her in, she had insisted on driving her car to say goodbye to her friends, and now she was a vegetable. They really had messed her up.

There was a killer bug at large invading every organ of her body. First her bones, then her liver, then her kidneys and now her brains. She was crumbling like a house full of termites. It was hopeless and frightening.

There was no brain tumor. Nothing showed on any test. There were times when she looked remarkably good and healthy but then it struck again, viciously and inflexibly.

My only hope in taking her to the hospital was for them to find out what was at the root of all her problems. They always tackled the one organ afflicted at the moment and never looked beyond. Not one part of the human body is independent of the whole. Without a definite diagnosis I had nothing to work on. All I could do was trying to improve her general health and hope for the best.

I nursed her as well as I could, but I knew it was hopeless. I spoon-fed her for days then progressed to more solid food. She began to perk up and gain weight, but she was lost to the world.

As soon as she resumed eating, she wanted hot dogs, nothing but hot dogs. Hawaiian Punch was the only drink she accepted. I could not reach her. She had tantrums like a child unless she had her way. I had to watch her every minute. Once I had to call the fire department when she almost set the house on fire. She was no longer responsible for her actions.

For her distraction, I often took her to the beach to buy her two hot dogs and a glass of punch. That is all she would eat, twice a day, and she gained weight.

When we walked into Lastreto's office, his nurse thought she was seeing a ghost.

"Gosh!" She gasped. "She looks good!"

"It's all on the surface," I whispered.

The doctor heard me and looked up with understanding.

We had a long session and finally he agreed to take her back to the hospital and look after her himself, doing nothing, just treating her with gentleness.

Within two weeks she had her fourth stroke and never came out of it.

San Francisco sells 100% of materials collected for recycling

by Maria Hon, SF Recycling Program

A recent news story on CBS reported that various cities on the East Coast are not able to sell the materials collected in recycling programs. This story has raised some concern among our neighbors about the health of our own recycling program here in San Francisco. The news story showed piles of materials stranded in warehouses with no place to go.

Fortunately for San Francisco, the situation reported is an East Coast concern and in no way reflects the circumstances in San Francisco. We are able to sell 100% of all materials collected in our curbside and apartment recycling programs. Whether materials collected are sold depends on a variety of factors, including the volume of a certain material, the relationship and contractual arrangements that exist between municipalities and their markets, the quality of the recycled materials, the state of the economy and transportation provisions for the recycled materials. Different Cities are confronted with different market situations depending on all the above factors. Because of San Francisco's geographical location, we are fortunate to have easy access to markets in the Pacific rim, such as South Korea, Japan and Taiwan who buy the bulk of our paper. Other paper mills nearby that recycle paper are located in nearby Santa Clara, Antioch and Newark. Our glass is trucked to glass recycling companies just across the Bay, which greatly helps with our transportation costs. San Francisco's long tradition in recycling has allowed us to build strong, long term relationships with our markets which ensures the movement of materials to end markets.

Below is a brief description of where our materials go from recycling containers:

From the curbs of San Francisco, where do all the recyclables go? (the life cycle of recyclables)

1. Recycling Collectors pick up recyclables from the curb or apartment buildings. Bottles and cans are emptied from the blue bins into the cans and bottles compartment of the recycling truck. Paper bags with paper recyclables are placed in the paper compartment of the truck. After the truck fills up, it goes to the processing center, the TURF (Total Urban Recycling Facility) near Candlestick Park, where the materials are separated.

2. At the processing plant, a semi-automatic process separates the glass bottles and jars, tin cans, aluminum cans and plastic soda bottles. Tin cans are sucked up onto a magnetic belt; aluminum cans and plastics are blown off; glass bottles are manually sorted by color; and any things remaining are also sorted out by workers from the processing line. From here, their destinies divert.

3. Glass bottles and jars are shipped to two companies in the East Bay: CRINC in San Leandro or CIRCO in Newark. There they are crushed into small thumb nail sized pieces, called "cullet". The cullet is sold in turn to glass manufacturers such as Owens Brockway in Oakland where they are mixed in with sand, limestone and soda ash and melted down in the very large high-temperature (2,800 F) furnaces. The melted glass is then molded into new glass containers. Glass can be recycled indefinitely. Most glass containers manufactured in California contain 20-40% recycled glass. Small pieces of mixed glass which cannot be sorted are used in the production process of fiber glass and asphalt.

4. Aluminum cans are baled and sent off to mills all over the country. The mills burn the paint off the cans, and then melt and form them into

aluminum sheets that are used for any one of the numerous aluminum products, including soda and beer cans and aluminum siding.

5. Tin cans (which are primarily made up of steel with a thin layer of tin...there are only four pounds of tin per ton of cans) can take two routes. The majority of the tin cans collected in San Francisco are sold to Proler International in Lathrop. Most of those cans are used in the precipitation mining process which recovers copper from strip mine wastes. The cans are sold to de-tinning facilities, where tin is used as paint pigments and as stannous fluoride in toothpaste, and steel is sold for scrap and turned back into steel products.

6. Paper - Junk mail, glossy magazines, newspapers, and office paper get shipped primarily to paper mills in Asia. There, they are put into large vats with water where they are blended and made into pulp which then become cereal and gift boxes. Depending on market demand newsprint might also be sorted out and sold to paper mills to be turned back into newsprint.

7. Plastics - In San Francisco, the only plastics that are collected are the plastic soda bottles with California Redemption Value. They are made from a material called Polyethylene terephthalate or PETE. They are primarily shipped to plants where they are chipped and reincarnated into durable products such as carpet and fiberfill polyester suits, sleeping bags and ski jackets. Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola have recently obtained FDA approval to use recycled plastic in their soda containers, so very soon PETE may be turned back into bottles which can be recycled again and again.

Plastics collected from the five pilot plastics recycling areas are sold to Envirothene near San Diego, where they are made into plastic bags.

Let's not let stories about difficulties in other cities discourage us from recycling. Let's keep up the great work. Continue recycling at the curb, through your apartment recycling bins or by taking the materials to a recycling center near you.

The potential problems that may arise due to gluts of recycled materials can best be addressed by completing the recycling loop by buying recycled products, not by stopping to recycle. Recycling does not end with placing the materials in bins or taking them to a center. Buying products packaged in recyclable and recycled materials, such as glass containers, and paperboard boxes or products made from recycled material, such as recycled paper, is critical in creating a demand, hence a market for the materials we place in the bins or take to recycling centers. Let's complete the recycling cycle.

Summer fun at camp Serramonte

Round up the kids and pack your gear for a summer full of fun at the 3rd Annual CAMP SERRAMONTE at Center Court in Serramonte Shopping Center in Daly City.

CAMP SERRAMONTE is ages 3 - 12. Each week will feature educational topics such as health, safety, animal life, recycling and much more. The fun also includes face painting, magic shows, storytelling, and costume character appearances. Each week will focus on a different educational theme and weekly schedules will appear in the mall.

There is no charge for children to participate in Camp Serramonte. Children must be accompanied by an adult and may join in on the fun anytime between 12 noon - 3 p.m. Participating children will receive a different giveaway each week - balloons, coloring books, t-shirts, caps, and many other special surprises.

Join us every Tuesday afternoon throughout Summer at Camp Serramonte. Serramonte Center is located off Highway 280 at Serramonte Blvd. in Daly City.

EL DORADO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: LEARNING MADE FUN

The Special Education and First Grade classes of El Dorado Elementary School demonstrated "Learning Made Fun" under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. Thessalonía Banks Jackson, Ms. Pamela Kahn and Ms. Bienestar Davis, at a special assembly on May 30th at the School. The program makes use of a recording done by Mrs. Jackson's brother, Wilton Banks, "Fun Way To Learn Through Singing, Rapping Rhythm and Rhyme", which was seen on the Bill Cosby Show and Ella Jinkens Music.

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The program was great. Dorothy Hunt, licensed clinical social worker gave a welcoming speech to the assembled crowd of parents, neighbors and friends of the children. Mrs. Jackson's sister, Louise Manigo, sang a beautiful song for the gathering, then Mrs. Jackson spoke of her love for teaching and introduced the children.

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The children did several numbers, each more exciting than the last. This writer's personal favorite was the Phonics Chart "rap". Several solo and small group recitations were done by individual students, all of whom did a very professional job. The entire program was lovely, and a credit to the teachers, and most especially to the children who obviously worked very hard to make a perfect presentation.

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It was nice to find out that Bienestar Davis was still teaching in the neighborhood. We remembered her from the VVCC Family School a decade ago, where she was dearly loved. Our congratulations to Bienestar, Thessalonía and Pamela for a wonderful experience...keep up the good work.



The children of El Dorado School sing "You're Beautiful" by Wilton Banks. The Rooms 10 and 11 Assembly was held on May 30, 1992 and was attended by parents, friends and neighbors.

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Mrs. Thessalonía Jackson spoke to families and friends at the El Dorado School Rooms 10 & 11 Assembly, featuring performances by her students, her sister and her brother.

SELECTED VISITATION VALLEY AND PORTOLA RESIDENCES TO PARTICIPATE IN PLASTIC RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM

The City is taking the lead as the first major California city to test plastic bottle recycling. Beginning March 2, selected participants in San Francisco's successful curbside recycling program recycle all kinds of plastic bottles in their recycling bins. ("Bottles" are defined as any plastic container with a neck smaller than its base, including milk, detergent, shampoo, salad dressing, bottled water and many more.) A total of 34,00 households--approximately 10% of the city's residences--in six concentrated areas throughout the city are participating in a test as part of the Council for Solid Waste Solutions' Model Cities program.

"We'll be gathering huge amounts of data on each of the recycling routes," says Ron Perkins, director of recycling operations for the Council, "and our analysis will help the city determine the most effective and economical ways to add plastics to their program. San Francisco is the fourth city--the first in California--to join our Model Cities Program."

Sign-Ups for 1992 girls' basketball league

Sign-ups have begun for the 1992 Girls' Basketball League. There will be two classes of play: Juniors, 14 years and younger; and Seniors, 17 years and younger (maximum age as of November 1, 1992). Each team may have up to 15 players on their roster, however, only 12 awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams in each division.

Participants must reside or attend school in San Francisco. Play will begin August 11 for Seniors (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Evenings), and September 12 for Juniors (Saturday Mornings). Deadline for team rosters is: Seniors - 5:30 p.m., July 16; Juniors - 5:30 p.m., August 6. No late or incomplete rosters will be accepted.

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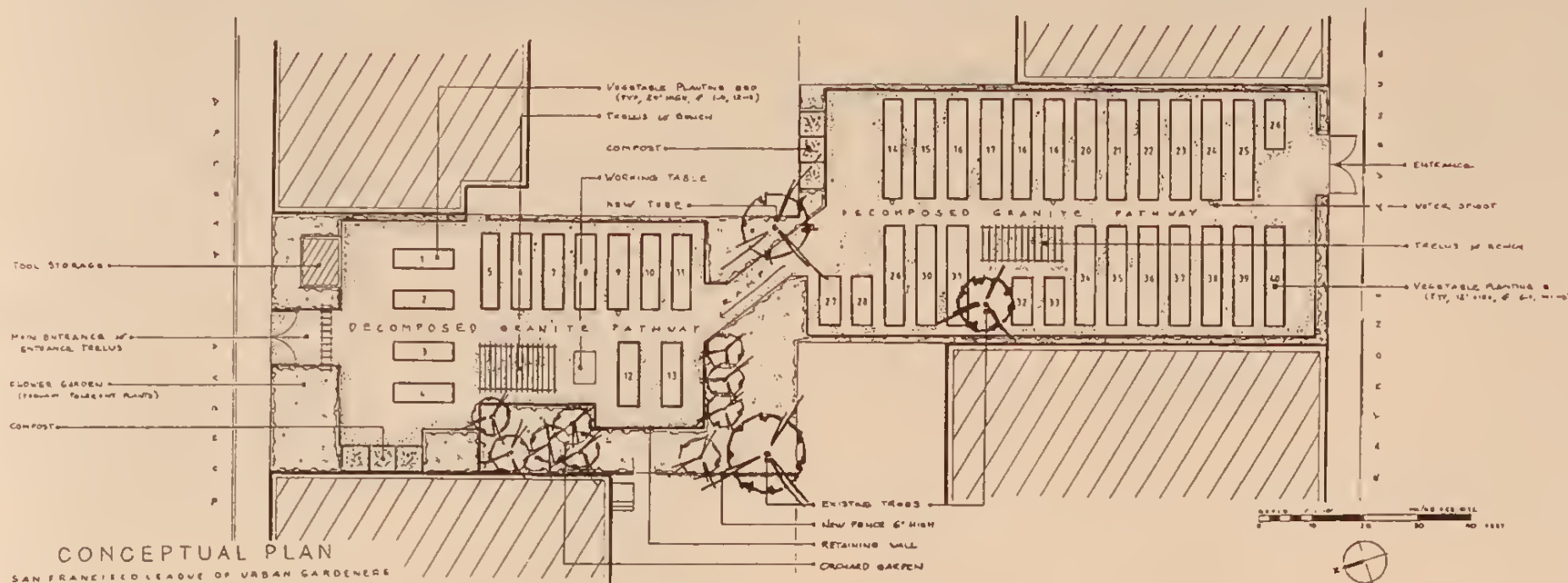
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VISITATION VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN



The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners is planning a renovation of their community garden, located on surplus Water Department land running between Arleta and Raymond Aves. A copy of their plan is posted at the Visitation Valley Community Center, 50 Raymond Ave. for those interested. The construction is scheduled to begin the week of July 6th.

From the mouths...

advice from the young members of the Mayor's Youth Forum to the adult members of the Interdepartmental Youth Crime Abatement Committee

"What can the following agencies do to assist with the problem of juveniles on the streets, unauthorized, during school time?"

SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. Have big brother and big sister programs at all the schools.
2. Make classes more interesting.
3. Have teachers communicate with each other about students they have in common.
4. Have special tutors.
5. Have peer counselors.
6. Have support groups.
7. Help students get jobs as an incentive to go to school.

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8. Have smaller classes.
9. Have interns from college help students.
10. Have teachers be more involved.
11. Make students feel welcomed and wanted.
12. Don't use threats to change behavior.
13. Have enthusiastic teachers teach these students.
14. Have students in cooperative groups.
15. Have debate and discussion on the importance of school with the students.
16. Make home visits.
17. Have special counseling centers.
18. Communicate to students that services exist; students often don't know what services are available.

PARENT/FAMILY

1. Invite parents to become more involved.
2. Communicate in a variety of languages.

3. Encourage parents to come to the school and just visit.

HEALTH SERVICES

1. Have better communication with the schools.
2. Have a school liaison.

COMMUNITY

1. Have agencies be more coordinated.
2. Have counseling at recreational centers.

centers.

4. Have representatives work at the schools for part of their week.
5. Have appropriate agencies work with students who are on the streets during school time.
6. Provide translators for parents and students.

We hope that this list from the students themselves will give all of us something to think about. -ed.

EL DORADO SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD BETTERMENT COUNCIL

Our neighborhood has been through a lot in the past year. We have seen crime and fear take hold of our streets. But we have also come together and worked hard and long to turn things around.

We have gone before the City's Board of Supervisors to make -- and win -- our case to close the 101 overpass at San Bruno and Harkness. We have

fought for and received additional community policing attention.

On Thursday, July 2, MAYOR FRANK JORDAN has agreed to come and speak with our members (the normally scheduled meeting on July 14 is canceled). We're planning for a big showing and counting on you to let your family, friends and neighbors know about this special meeting.

ESNBC CALENDAR

- July 2, 7p.m. - Meeting, 70 Delta With Mayor Jordan
- July 28, 7 p.m. Regular Meeting

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The Puzzler...

by Anne Kaartunen

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(1777)

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(1800s)

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(1800s)

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(1905)

CENTER
(VVCC 1918)

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(Sunnydale 1940)

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They Were San Franciscans

WILLIAM RICHARDSON

When the British whaler L'Orient entered San Francisco Bay on a foggy day in August, 1822, first mate William A. Richardson eagerly secured permission from the ship's captain to go ashore. He was curious to see the traits and customs of people living at the Presidio in a land still under the jurisdiction of the Mexican government.

Born in London on August 27, 1795, Richardson had spent many of his 27 years at sea, so it was almost certain he would become infatuated with Maria Martinez, daughter of the Presidio's commandant. He wanted to marry her, even if it meant being baptized a Roman Catholic and becoming a Mexican citizen.

Richardson soon assembled a ship- ping crew which transported produce

between the various missions, and later moved for a time to southern California where he met and asked then Governor Figueroa for permission to plan and build a commercial village adjacent to a cove he remembered just east of the Presidio. He built his first structure there near the corner of what is now Clay St. and Grant Ave. on Jne 25, 1835.

Richardson became Captain of the Port of the Pueblo of Yerba Buena, a position he held for nearly a decade, eventually being compensated for his efforts with a vast acreage of land just north of the Golden Gate. With his wife and three children, he eventually settled on this land.

Richardson died in the little town of Sausalito on April 20, 1856, at the age of 60. Richardson Bay, just south of Tiburon, was named in his honor, as was Richardson Ave., the busy three block boulevard of speeding traffic behind the Palace of Fine Arts.

serving. Racial and cultural balance is important as well.

Sunnydale has been in need of a program like this ever since the police district lines were changed last year, throwing them in with the Ingleside District. The Potrero District, which used to cover Sunnydale, had already implemented CPOP and Sunnydale residents had tasted the difference...and it worked pretty well. The CPOP concept, initially greeted with skepticism, was tried, proven and accepted by the Visitacion Valley neighborhood. The changing of district lines split the neighborhood in half, leaving a bad taste in the mouths of the Sunnydale residents and their close neighbors; who felt that they had lost the progress that had been made since the popular Potrero Captain Richard Holder took the helm of the Potrero Police Station a year earlier.

Although Sergeant Leach has just arrived on the scene, the reports have been positive by those who have met him. Some people remember his stint with the Community Relations Office of the SFPD in earlier times. The neighbors' hopes are high, and it is felt that this change will be a good one.

The Grapevine welcomes Sgt. James Leach to the neighborhood. We pledge to do all we can to help anyone who can give positive assistance to our neighborhood. We've offered column space to Sgt. Leach's CPOP unit, so that they can better communicate with the neighbors they will be working with. Keep watching, 'cause we're sure they will be in touch with you.

C POP INGLESIDE

Sgt. James Leach, newly assigned to the Ingleside Station in charge of the CPOP (Community Policing on Patrol) Program, told the Grapevine that all the officers assigned to the Sunnydale area will now be trained in the CPOP techniques. This means that they will become more a part of the community they serve.

CPOP training includes thorough information on resources that can be called upon to assist when the officer comes across someone on their beat that needs help of any kind. The officers will be briefed on neighborhood organizations and businesses and people they should meet who can help. They are also given sensitivity training and conflict resolution skills training.

When they are assigned to the beat, CPOP officers are expected to get to know those who live and work in their areas. They are assigned to a specific area and are not switched around a lot, so that the neighbors can get to know and feel comfortable with them. CPOP officers are selected for their abilities to relate to those populations they will be

THIS MONTH In San Francisco HISTORY

July 1: In 1860, a three mile single track was completed by the San Francisco and Mission Railroad from the foot of Market St. to Mission Dolores. In 1899, after nearly 30 years of construction, the new City Hall at the corner of Market and McAllister Sts. was finally completed. It would last less than seven years due to heavy damage in the 1906 earthquake. In 1967, Bay Area Rapid Transit construction crews began excavating the dirt below the surface of Market St. for a subway system.

July 4: In 1850, the Alta California, San Francisco's first daily newspaper, became the first California publication to be printed on steam-powered presses. In 1876, San Franciscans first witnessed a display of electric light, shown from the roof of St. Ignatius College. In 1882, the Telegraph Hill Observatory first opened its doors. In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt sent the first message to the Philippine Islands on the new Pacific Cable. In 1907, Telegraph Hill's Pioneer Park was dedicated.

July 5: In 1934, disgruntled City workers and police clashed in the general strike's "Bloody Thursday," resulting in two fatalities.

July 9: In 1846, a United States flag was first raised in San Francisco, then known as Yerba Buena.

July 13: In 1898, the Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street opened.

July 15: In 1917, a celebration was held at the west portal of the Twin Peaks Tunnel to celebrate its completion.

July 17: In 1853, Bishop Alemany laid the cornerstone of Old St. Mary's Church at California St. and Grant Ave. (then Dupont St.) to commence construction.

July 19: In 1880, San Francisco opened its first lending library. In 1955, the Balclutha, now on display as part of the Hyde Street Pier, first tied up at Pier 43 as a floating museum.

July 23: In 1852, the Presidio's U.S. National Cemetery received its first interment.

July 25: In 1903, a mysterious fire destroyed the 21-year-old castle observatory at the peak of Telegraph Hill.

July 28: In 11849, the Memnon made a 120-day voyage from New York to become the first clipper ship to arrive in San Francisco Bay.

July 29: In 1958, with dwindling patronage due mainly to the 22-year old Bay Bridge, the Southern Pacific Bay Ferris discontinued service.

Mayors of San Francisco

EPHRAIM BURR

Sooner or later, the members of a community will get fed up with their local government if it doesn't remain by and for the people. Such was the case during the summer of 1856, when the citizenry of San Francisco just about had it with the questionable politics at City Hall. They established the People's Reform Party, and nominated a trusted local businessman named Ephraim W. Burr as their candidate.

Burr had been born in Rhode Island on March 7, 1809, and after finishing school, went to work for a New England whaling company, which eventually dispatched him to San Francisco in 1849 to hire men for shipping crews. When none were to be found, as almost everybody was up north looking for gold, he and a partner bought an empty ship and converted it into a general mercantile store. His successful interests soon turned to finance, with the

establishment of the Clay Street Bank, the first successful savings institution on the Pacific Coast.

Burr's candidacy against an array of other mayoral hopefuls was virtually assured victory with help from the Committee of Vigilance, which along with a number of police, stationed men at every polling place to encourage honest balloting.

Needless to say, Burr became the City's ninth mayor, and was reelected to two more one-year terms, the first San Francisco mayor to remain in office after an election. His administration gained public support with its thrifty approach in spending the taxpayers' money in the newly consolidated city and county governments.

Near the end of his thirs term, Burr decided to step down and devote full attention to his banking business, continuing for two decades until his retirement at the age of 70. He died in San Francisco on July 20, 1894, at the age of 85. Burr Ave. in Visitacion Valley is named in his honor.

NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM R.O.S.E.S.

These tidbits were picked up at the June meeting of the Residents of Southeast Sector (R.O.S.E.S.).

The SFPD and PAL and the S F Recreation and Parks Department will be starting a "Midnight Basketball" program at the Joseph Lee Recreation Center. For information, you could call the CPOP office at 255-6297.

Project Voice needs volunteers. This is a phone companion program for home-bound senior citizens. Volunteers learn about services for seniors and receive a free training, then commit only 60 minutes a week to phone a senior citizen. The program is sponsored by the Bayview Hunters Point Independent Elders Program. Information can be had by calling Shireen Mc-

Spadden at 822-1992.

If you live in or near public housing and there have been problems in your area regarding "trouble spots", where groups of people hang out selling drugs or doing other crimes, you may want to write to the District Attorney. Ask him to enforce banning offenders on probation/parole from crime or arrest sites and known trouble spots.

The good news is...that in May, the police district that had the second lowest crime rate was...(drum roll)...the Potrero District! Wonderful news. Keep it up, neighbors. A good partnership with our police officers is key to preventing crime. Report all crimes and look out for each other: good neighbors are the best self defense.

FREE ARTS & CRAFTS CLASS AT VVCC

A free arts & crafts class is available for kids at VVCC on Saturdays throughout the summer. Deble Faulkner brings her artistic talents to children 7 to 12 years of age from 11 AM to 1 PM. The children explore all kinds of media; paint, clay, weaving, paper craft, sculpture, mask making, basketry, drawing and more. There is no cost for the class, materials are provided. Parents are welcome to participate. The class meets upstairs at VVCC in the Ballroom. No registration is required, just come and bring your creativity.

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IN-LAW AMNESTY PROGRAM 1992

NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT RECEIVING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed project would amend sections of the City Planning Code, the Housing Code, the Building Code, and Article 37 of the Administrative Code (the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Ordinance), in order to establish a 24-month amnesty program for illegal dwelling units. Under the proposed program, property owners would be permitted to retain one dwelling unit more than is currently permitted in their zoning district, as long as the additional unit was constructed prior to January 1, 1992, and meets certain other conditions.

Reviewer: **Hillary Gitelman**
Phone: **558-6384**

The project described above is being studied by the Environmental Review Section to determine the potential environmental effects of the proposal. Public comments concerning the environmental effects of this project are welcomed. In order for your concerns to be fully considered throughout the environmental review process, we would appreciate receiving any comments you may have about issues to be addressed in the environmental review process by 5 p.m., July 7, 1992.

Environmental review provides information on physical environmental effects and does not provide recommendations on the project itself. Other review and approval actions will be required for this project, and will involve further public notification and public hearings. Please contact Department staff at 558-6264 if you would like to be notified of the public hearing date(s). If you have additional questions about the project, please contact Roger Herrera at 558-6316.

The medicine wheel

a native american arts workshop for children

Learn about the Native American tradition of the Medicine Wheel through art, song, dance and outdoor activities at the Randall Museum.

The Workshop meets four Wednesdays, July 8 - 29, from 3 - 4:30 p.m., with a final celebration Saturday, August 1, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children ages 6 - 10 are invited. The fee is \$ 23 per person.

The Randall Museum is at 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. Call (510) 534-5546 for specific information on this class. Pre-registration is required. wheel

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12  1:00pm VVCC Bingo	13	14 4:30pm Sunnydale Tenants Association O FM  Bastille Day	15	16	17 Nelson Mandela's Birthday	18
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26  1:00pm VVCC Bingo	27	28 7:00pm El Dorado Neighborhood Betterment Council 14th amendment ratified	29 • NM	30	31	

Crime in The Valley

Having lived in the valley since the age of 14 years old I remember my neighborhood as a quite peaceful area. But over the years i've watched my fellow residents go through periods of unrest and crime perpetrated by groups and gangs of young people not of our community. Commit various acts of violence not just on the elderly but the merchants and others as well.

Crime is at all time high and we now find ourself with insufficient and inadequate police protection. Not only do the residents suffer robbery, assault, intimidation, Purse snatchng and beatings but the business merchants are plagued by broken store windows and vandalism.

We the valley residents should and must ask and demand better protection for not ourself and business but our children as well before anyone is seriously hurt.

James James

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

Airports Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Arts Commission	1st Monday	3:00PM
Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00PM
Board of Supervisors	each Monday	2:00PM
Commission on Aging	1st Wednesday	9:30AM
Comm - Status of Women	4th Thursday	4:00PM
Health Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Housing Authority Comm	2nd & 4th Thursday	4:00PM
Human Rights Comm	1st & 3rd Thursday	4:30PM
Library Commission	1st Tuesday	4:30PM
Planning Commission	each Thursday	1:30PM
Police Commission	each Wednesday	5:30PM
Port Commission	1st Tues & 3rd Wed	4:30PM
Public Utilities Comm	2nd & 4th Tuesday	2:00PM
Recreation & Parks	3rd Thursday	2:00PM
Social Services Comm	4th Thursday	9:30AM

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The Society Page



The Southeast Health Center sponsored a Fathers Day Health Fair on June 6th at the Visitacion Valley Community Center's Ballroom. Fathers were offered information on a number of health programs and services while they waited to pose with their offspring for their free Fathers Day family photo.



For each health information booth visited, the fathers were given colorful decorative stickers to paste on a special frame for their photos.

Please send your announcements, invitations, photos, greetings, and other social items, whether hi-brow, low-life, serious or silly, to the GRAPEVINE, c/o VVCC, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134, or call 467-6400.



Herman Jones poses with his two lovely daughters, Erica and Cassandra.



James Adams & his handsome son, James Jr.

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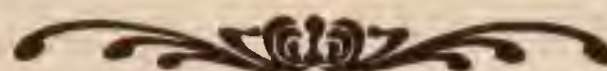
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